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Turkey Management Resolution

Since the transplantation of wild turkeys to Wisconsin from Missouri thirty years ago, we have gone from issuing 1,200 permits in 1983 to having more than 200,000 available today. We have gone from having four zones open for hunting, in South Western Wisconsin to having the whole state open in 2006. The Wisconsin turkey program has been a modern wildlife management miracle and has exceeded all expectations.

Yet, we still extend extraordinary management to the turkey and raise habitat funds through stamp sales, when there is more than adequate habitat available. In other words the program is a success, it is time to move on.

Therefore be it resolved that the attendees of the Vernon Co. Wisconsin Conservation Congress Spring Hearing support the implementation of following actions:

1. Eliminate the WCC turkey committee and move turkey management to the upland committee.
2. Eliminate the turkey stamp and replace it with a habit stamp.
3. Eliminate on site registration and replace it with postal or telephone and/or internet, registration.
4. Reorganize turkey management within the Department of Natural resources to reflect this management strategy, by consolidating management and personnel.



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